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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: __Kremmling__ Lease/Serial/Case File No.: _COC-74106 & COC-74108

Number: BLM-CO-120-2009-0066CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Film Permits

Location of Proposed Action: Colorado River from Gore Canyon to Radium

Description of Proposed Action:

This CX is for two different applications and companies. The location is relatively the same as is the action.

John McSween of Virus Productions proposes to boat and hike in Gore Canyon during the next 12 months to capture imagery of the changing seasons and water levels using digital video cameras and time lapse digital still cameras. His goal is to thoroughly document the canyon's geology, hydrology, flora, fauna, human history, and present day human usage over the course of one year. He plans on re-creating some of the canyon's historic first descents in kayaks and rafts and capturing boaters running the rapids from multiple camera angles. No ground disturbance would occur. Access to the river would be from developed recreation sites or put-ins and there would be no motorized cross country travel allowed. Parking fees would apply. Filming would begin this fall.

Marshall Upjohn, Jr. of Vacation Lifestyle Consultants, Inc. proposes to video vacation activities in and near Breckenridge, Colorado. A short segment of the video would feature a family enjoying a scenic float trip down the Colorado River near Radium. No swimming, diving or ground disturbance would occur. Access would be from the Radium recreation site. Parking fees would apply. Mr. Upjohn proposes to film this segment on Friday, September 25th. The remainder of the video is on Forest Service property for which he had already received a permit and just realized the jurisdiction of Radium was another agency.

Design Features:

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions(s):

Decision Number/Page: Decision Number/Page: II-B-12 pg. 14

Decision Language: Process and approve small scale, low impact use authorization requests.

- C. **Compliance with NEPA:** The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, Number (1.4) (1.11) “*Activities which are educational, informational, advisory, or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals, or the general public.*”

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Megan McGuire	Biologist	T&E	9/21/2009
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Air & Water	9/21/2009
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontologist	9/21/2009
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Archaeology	9/21/2009
Peter McFadden	Field Manager	NEPA	9/22/2009

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: __/s/ Peter McFadden_____ Date: _____9/22/09_____
(Signature)

Name: __Peter McFadden_____
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DECISION RECORD
CX # BLM-CO-120-2009-0066CX

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action is for filming permits to document the Upper Colorado River. These applications fall under a minimum impact permit therefore allowing analysis through a CX. Nothing in the proposed action would cause environmental harm to the existing natural resources. The filming should promote recreation in the Special Recreation Management Area.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 9/22/09